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MARYLAND

1997-98 MARYLAND WOMEN'S TENNIS

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location.....College Park, MD
Enrollment.....33,006
Founded.....1807
Colors.....Red, White, Black and Gold
President.....Dr. William E. Kirwan
Athletic Director.....Deborah A. Yow
Nickname.....Terrapins/Terps
Home Facility.....Cole Field House Tennis Courts
Affiliation.....NCAA Division I
Conference.....Atlantic Coast
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WOMEN'S TENNIS INFORMATION

Head Coach.....Jim Laitta (Easten Kentucky '88)
Assistant Coach.....Dana Evans (Wake Forest '95)
Associate Coach.....Jeremy Loomis (Maryland '93)
1997 Record.....8-11
1997 Conference Record.....4-4

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1997-98 University of Maryland Women's Tennis Roster

Lorraine Bittles	Sophomore	Nashville, TN
Meg Griffin	Junior	Topeka, KS
Thea Ivanisevic	Junior	Claro, Switzerland
Adrienne Pavelko	Junior	Vienna, VA
Sarah Salam	Senior	Frankfurt, Germany
Chrissie Terrill	Freshman	Plano, TX
Stacy Walkowitz	Sophomore	Coral Springs, FL

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1997-98 Outlook

The Terrapins are looking toward the 1997-98 season with great anticipation as the team returns five starters from last year's squad. The 1996-97 season was marked with several key injuries, but the Terps return healthy with high expectations.

This is a very exciting time to be a part of the Maryland women's tennis team. "This is probably the best fall season that I have been a part of at Maryland. We played against a high level of competition this fall, and have gained the experience necessary to not only compete against the top teams in the country, but to beat them. Ultimately our goal is to have Maryland challenging year in and year out for the ACC title and to be recognized as one of the elite programs in the country," said head coach Jim Laitta.

The Terps enter the spring season ranked 42nd in the nation, and are tied for fifth in the Eastern Regional rankings. Said Laitta, "This year's team is close knit with outstanding chemistry. We are a much more experienced team with added depth. As long as we stay healthy, we should be competitive throughout the entire season."

Laitta says, "My goal is for us to be one of the nationally respected teams year in and year out and to be acknowledged among the elite programs in the country. I'm very excited about our team, and my expectations are extremely high."

Laitta has good reason for high expectations. The Terps have been challenging some of the top players in the country. The results have been extremely positive and have raised the level of confidence for the entire team. "If we keep playing the way we are capable of, this is going to be a great year for Maryland tennis," Laitta said.

The Schedule

In 1998, the Terps will challenge many of the nation's premier collegiate programs, including matchups against 13 nationally ranked teams, as well as six teams in the top 15. Maryland will host 11 matches. Key ACC dates are March 28 against No. 3 Duke and April 12 against No. 11 Wake Forest. Out of conference road matches include No. 15 Notre Dame, Kentucky, Ohio State and a trip to Las Vegas to play No. 37 UNLV. The ACC Championships take place April 22-26.

The Year in Review

The Terrapins' 1996-97 season can be summed up with the word "perseverance." Despite several key injuries, the Terps battled all year long to finish fifth in the ACC. The Terps combined talent and hard work, as several Terps had to step up to fill holes caused by injury.

"I'm very proud of our team. We faced many tough oppponents without some of our key people, but we hung tough. We competed hard and battled all the way despite the setbacks. Now that everyone is healthy, I expect a very special year," says Coach Laitta.

The Terps finished the year ranked No. 53 in the country, but reached as high as No. 37. The Terps went 3-5 in ACC regular season matches, and lost a heartbreaker to North Carolina by one point in the ACC Tournament.

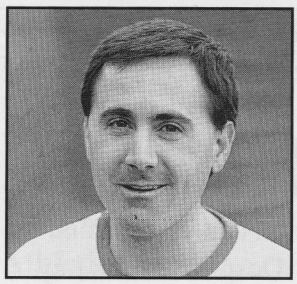
Individually, the Terps displayed some outstanding performances. As a freshman, Lorraine Bittles was named to the All-ACC team, playing in the No. 1 slot. At the ACC Championships, Stacy Walkowitz was awarded runner-up at No. 6 singles for ACC competition and also teamed with Adrienne Pavelko to finish second at No. 2 doubles in the ACC.

The Terps opened up the season 3-0, but then lost to No. 9 William & Mary on the road. The Terps also had seven heartbreaking losses of 5-4 to various ranked opponents including Alabama, Minnesota, Harvard and Syracuse. However, the Terps responded with important victories over ACC rivals Clemson and North Carolina

The Terps were unbeatable at home, going a perfect 7-0. Home victories on the College Park courts included Clemson, Georgia Tech, and then No.-43 ranked North Carolina. Out of conference home victories were against West Virginia, Georgetown, Virginia Commonwealth, and George Washington.

"Overall, the season was a success, considering all of the injuries we endured," says Laitta.

TERRAPIN LEADERSHIP



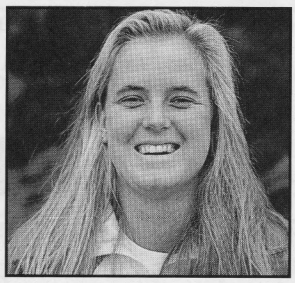
Jim Laitta
Head Coach

Jim Laitta is entering his eighth year as head coach of the women's tennis team at the University of Maryland. Prior to coming to College Park, he was the head women's coach at Mississippi State University. While there, the program finished in the national Top 20 and captured an NCAA doubles championship.

Laitta played collegiately at Eastern Kentucky University where he was team captain and played No. 1 singles and doubles. Upon earning his degree in psychology, he competed on the satellite tour. Laitta has coached several players at the junior, collegiate and professional levels and has been successful with all.

Since his arrival at Maryland, Laitta has completely changed the program. In 1996 Laitta led the Terps to their first ever NCAA Tournament appearance, as well as a tie for fourth place in the ACC. Laitta was named ACC Coach of the Year and NCAA Region I Coach of the Year by his peers.

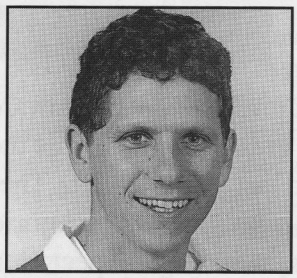
Over the years Laitta has coached several professionals who competed in major tournaments such as the U.S. Open and Wimbledon.



Dana Evans
Assistant Coach

Dana Evans returns for her second year on the Terrapin coaching staff, after spending a year as a graduate assistant coach. Her duties include everything from recruiting to daily practice and administrative duties. Evans graduated from Wake Forest in 1995 where she was a four-year letterwinner and attained All-American status in doubles.

After graduation she competed on the women's professional tour for one year, achieving a world ranking in both singles and doubles. Evans' experience is a great complement to the up-and-coming Terrapins. During the summer Dana is an assistant pro at the Chevy Chase Club.

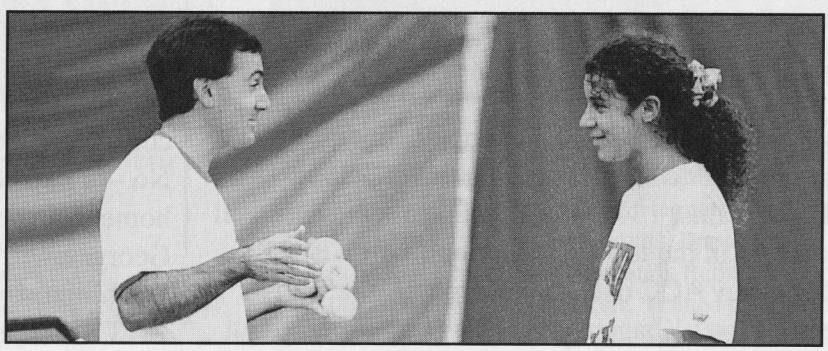


Jeremy Loomis
Associate Head Coach

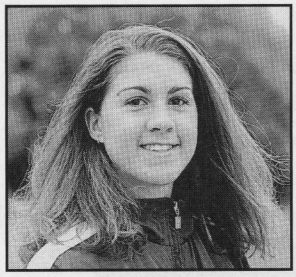
Jeremy Loomis has spent most of his tennis career as a Terrapin, and now returns for his second year on the coaching staff. Loomis is the associate head coach of the Terrapin men's team, but still has many responsibilities with the women's team.

Loomis was a four-year letterwinner at Maryland, playing both No. 1 singles and doubles. He was named MVP his senior season of 1993. After graduation Loomis competed on the pro tour worldwide, and currently is ranked by the ATP in doubles.

Loomis has a master's degree in exercise physiology.

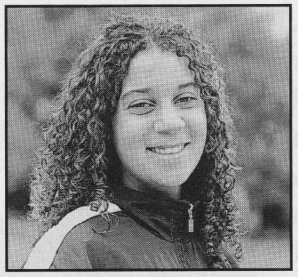


TERRAPIN PROFILES



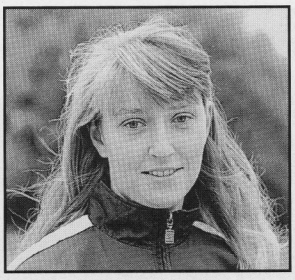
Lorraine Bittles
Sophomore
Nashville, Tennessee

On Bittles... The sophomore from Nashville, Tenn., looks to improve upon an outstanding freshman year. **As a Sophomore...Fall...**Finished 7-7 in singles, and reached the quarterfinals of the Eastern Rolex Championships. Bittles also participated in the main draw of the ITA National Clay Court Championships. Bittles is currently ranked No. 6 in the East in both singles and doubles, teaming with partner Meg Griffin**... As a Freshman... Singles...**Named East Regional Rookie of the Year, and one of six finalists for National Rookie of the Year. She was named to the All-ACC team at the conclusion of the season. Playing first singles she compiled a 20-14 record (4-4 in ACC regular season). Three of the losses, however, came to opponents ranked in the Top 25, two against opponents in the Top 10**...Doubles ...**Bittles teamed with Meg Griffin to lead the Terps in the first doubles slot with an 18-13 (4-4 in ACC regular season) record**... Junior Career...** Consistently ranked in the top 3 of Southern Section, and No. 35 in the nation in her first year of 18's**...Personal...**Majoring in kinesiology



Meg Griffin
Junior
Topeka, Kansas

On Griffin... The junior from Topeka, Kansas is coming off a very solid sophomore year**...As a Junior...Fall...**Finished the fall season ranked No. 2 in the East. Griffin was a finalist at the William & Mary Invitational B Flight, and reached the quarterfinals of the Florida Invitational A Flight. She qualified into the main draw of the ITA National Clay Court Championships**... Doubles...**Teams with Lorraine Bittles at the No. 1 spot, and is currently ranked No. 6 in the Eastern Regional Rankings**...As a Sophomore... Singles...**Griffin compiled a 17-15 overall record, playing mostly in the No. 3 slot, but played several matches at No. 2. Griffin finished No. 3 in the East Region**...Doubles...**teamed with Bittles to post a 9-7 overall record**...Junior Career...** finished No. 1 in the Missouri Valley and 31st nationally in juniors. Junior titles include the Kansas State High School Championships, the Missouri Valley Sectional Championships and the Cotton Bowl Championships, as well as placing seventh at the National Clay Courts in Memphis, Tennessee**...Personal...** Majoring in international business and marketing.



Thea Ivanisevic
Junior
Claro, Switzerland

On Ivanisevic... The Junior from Claro, Switzerland returns with high expectations to lead the team after an injury plagued year**...As a Junior...Fall...** recovering from injury most of fall, and competed only in the William & Mary Invitational, but is once again healthy**... As a Sophomore...**Spent most of Sophomore year battling injuries, but is a top competitor when healthy. Ivanisevic rebounded with a strong perfomance at the end of the year, defeating North Carolina at No. 2 singles in the ACC tournament**... Junior Career...**twice selected to represent Switzerland in the Continental Cup, an international team championship. She also competed at the Australian Open, U.S. Open, and French Open junior championships. Her highest ranking in juniors was 35th in the ITF Junior World Rankings and she was Top 500 on the WTA Women's Tour**... Personal...**Thea's cousin is Goran Ivanisevic of Croatia, the former Wimbledon finalist and a fixture in the Top 10 ATP rankings. Ivanisevic is an economics major.

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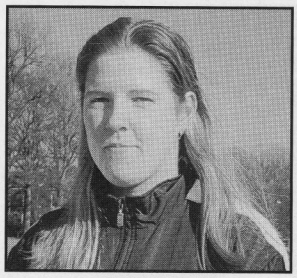
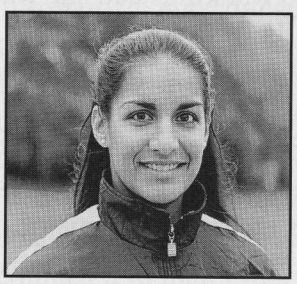


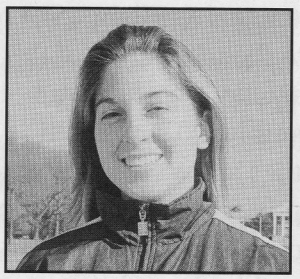
Adrienne Pavelko
Junior
Vienna, Virginia

On Pavelko... The junior from Vienna, Virginia returns after a strong finish last spring**...As a Junior...**Finished fall with a 6-5 record. Pavleko won consolation B Flight at the Maryland Invitational, and advanced to the semifinals of William & Mary Invitational C Flight Singles**...As a Sophomore... Singles...**finished with an overall 6-6 (2-2 in ACC) record**...Doubles...** teamed with Stacy Walkowitz to finish ACC runner-up at the No. 2 slot**...As a Freshman...**competed at No. 4 singles, compiling a 9-8 record**...Junior Career...** consistently ranked top six in the Mid-Atlantic region and attained a first year 18 and under national ranking of 90**...Personal...**majoring in kinesiology.



Sara Salam
Senior
Frankfurt, Germany

On Salam... The senior from Frankfurt, Germany returns to the team after a year layoff, and is expected to add depth to this year's team**...As a Senior...**Was runner-up at the Maryland Invitational C Flight Division in the fall**...Doubles...** teamed with Adrienne Pavleko to advance to the quarterfinals of the Maryland Invitational A Flight Division**... As a Junior...**Salam took the year off from tennis to start on the Maryland field hockey national championship team. She is an exceptional athlete, and one of only a few who excel in two sports**...Personal...**majoring in psychology.



Chrissie Terrill
Freshman
Plano, Texas

On Terrill... The freshman from Plano, Texas is a talented newcomer and comes to Maryland with high expectations**...As a Freshman...**Runner-up at the William & Mary Invitational C Flight. Finished fall season with a 10-4 record. She advanced to the round of 16 at the Eastern Rolex Championships**...Doubles...**teamed with Stacy Walkowitz and is ranked No. 8 in the East. The duo finished runner-up in both the Maryland and Florida Invitationals B Flight Division**...Junior Career...**won the ITA summer circuit in Texas winning two tournaments and reaching the finals of another. Terrill was a four-year member of the Texas Intersectional Team. She finished her junior career ranked No. 3 in Texas and No. 62 nationally**...Personal...** majoring in business.

Stacy Walkowitz
Sophomore
Coral Springs, Florida

On Walkowitz... Great things are expected after an outstanding freshman year**...As a Sophomore...** Finished the fall with a 7-5 record, advancing to the round of 16 at the Eastern Rolex Championships. She was a semifinalist at the Florida Invitational B Flight Division**...Doubles...**teamed with Chrissie Terrill, a duo currently ranked No. 1 in the East. Reached finals of both the Maryland A Flight and Florida B Flight Invitationals**...As a Freshman...** Outstanding freshman year, finishing runner-up in the ACC at the No. 6 spot. She finished with a 17-12 overall record**...As a Junior...** consistently ranked in the top 15 in Florida, and finished 82nd in the country in her first year of 18 and under**...Personal...** majoring in elementary education.

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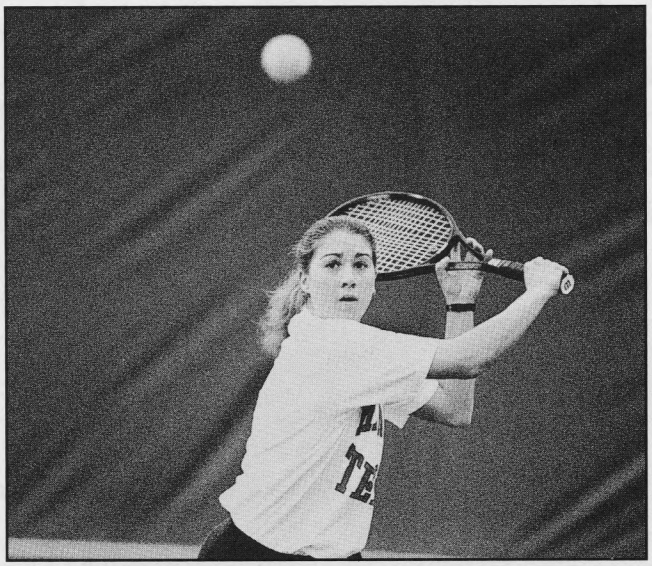
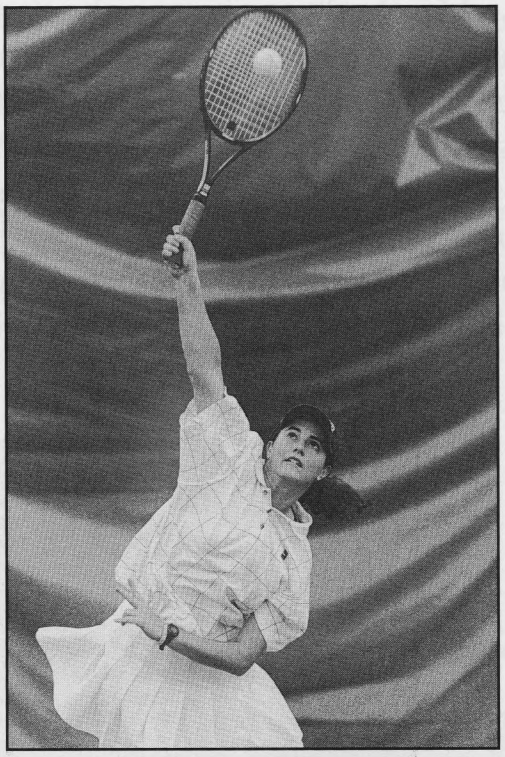


Sophomore Lorraine Bittles



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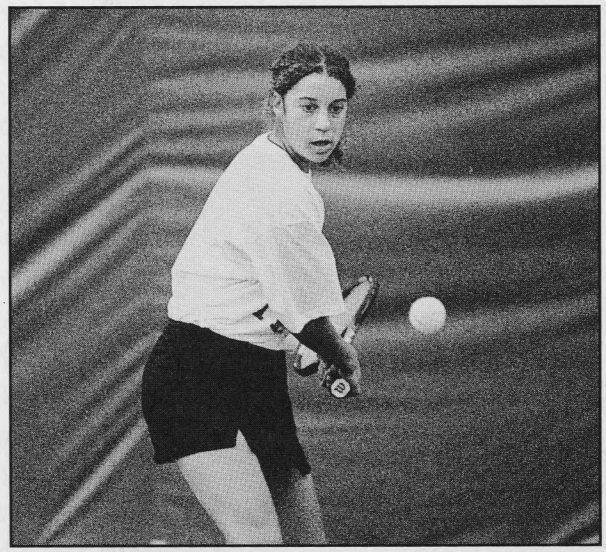
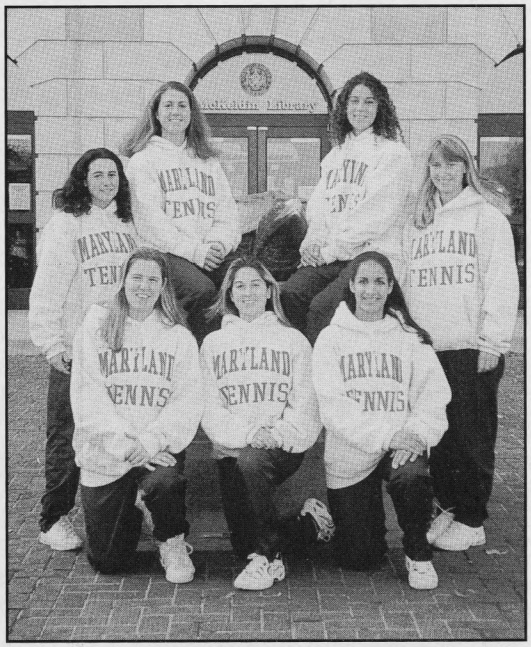


Junior Meg Griffin



Maryland Women's Tennis Team

THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, COLLEGE PARK

Imagine a university so comprehensive that it offers degrees in 98 disciplines, so technology advanced that it manages specifically designed research facilities not found on any other campus in the country, and boasts a telecommunications system which serves as the model for universities worldwide. At the same time, it is a university concerned enough to include special housing to match the student's interests and to ensure that half of all undergraduate classes have fewer than 30 students. That's a snapshot of the University of Maryland, College Park, the flagship institution of Maryland's system of higher education.

Academic Stature: Maryland is one of only 30 public research universities in the prestigious 58 member Association of American Universities.

Baccalaureate Choices: Offers degrees in 98 disciplines. In addition, Maryland offers preprofessional programs in dentistry, law, medical technology, medicine, nursing, optometry, osteopathic medicine, pharmacy, physical therapy and pediatric medicine.

Dramatic Moments: Find them in the 1,350-seat Tawes Theater, the stage for major theatrical productions and special events.

Faculty Facts: Maryland has 1,998 full-time faculty and 544 part-time faculty. The student faculty ratio is 14:1.

Location, Location, Location

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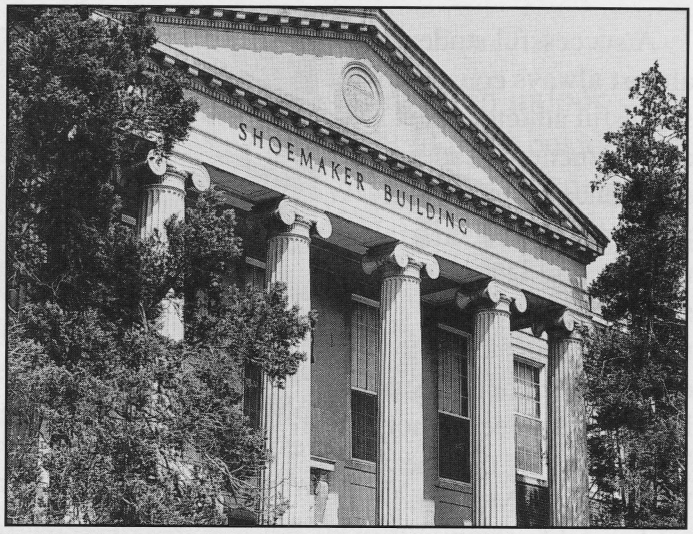

Ideas: More than 100 active patent disclosures by university inventors are managed by the Office of Technology Liaison.

Journalist Pick: The College of Journalism was selected as one of two sites in the United States for the Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program and has been named one of the nation's top communications programs by the Gannett Center for media holdings.

Library Holdings: Maryland is the largest academic research library system in the Washington metropolitan area. There are 2.8 million volumes and 4.6 million items of microfilm.

Nationally Noted: A dozen academic departments and programs at College Park placed in the top 10 among U.S. public universities by the National Academy of Sciences.

U.S. News and World Report Findings: The Department of Computer Science ranks No. 12 in the nation and the Department of Physics is the 13th best. The College of Business and Management is considered 14th in student selectivity.

Value Added: Maryland is included in the Guide to 101 of the Best Values in Colleges and Universities, published annually by the Center for College Enrollment Studies.

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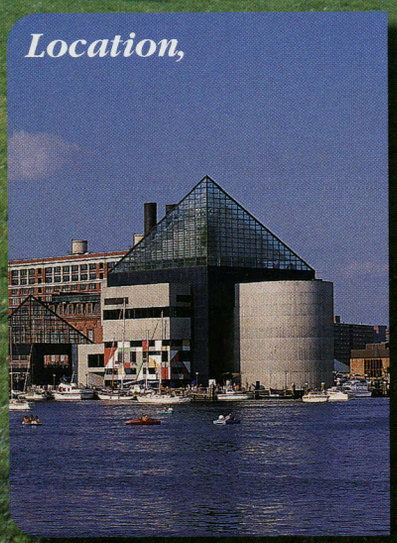
McKeldin Library is part of A College Park system that contains millions of volumes. Recently refurbished, McKeldin's front plaza is home of Testudo.



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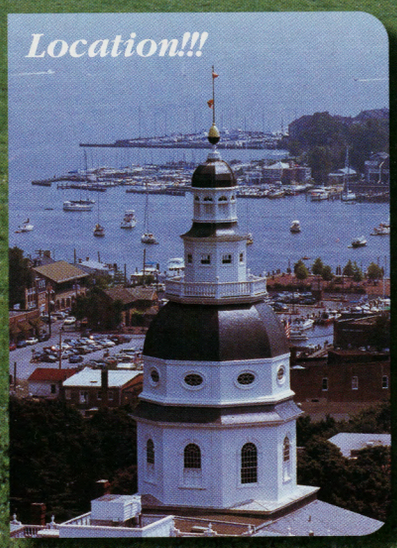

Annapolis' waterways lead into the Chesapeake Bay, with room for thousands of sailboats.

MARYLAND WOMEN'S TENNIS SCHEDULE 1997-98

FALL SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER		
19-21	William & Mary Invitational @ Williamsburg, VA	
26-28	Maryland Invitational @ College Park, Maryland	
OCTOBER		
2-5	ITA National Clay Court Championships @ Orlando, FL	
17-19	Florida Invitational @ Gainseville, FL	
23-26	Riviera Women's All-American @ Pacific Palisades, CA	
NOVEMBER		
1-4	Rolex Northeast Championships @ Willaimsburg, VA	

SPRING SCHEDULE

JANUARY		
23-25	ACC Indoor Championships @ Chapel Hill, NC	All Day
23-25	Georgia Invitational @ Athens, GA	All Day
FEBRUARY		
1	GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY	1:00 p.m.
7	West Virginia University @ Cumberland, MD	1:00 p.m.
21	Ohio State University @ Lexington, KY	1:00 p.m.
22	Kentucky @ Lexington, KY	11:00 a.m.
28	FLORIDA STATE	11:00 a.m.
MARCH		
1	GEORGE MASON	1:30 p.m.
4	VCU @ Richmond, VA	3:00 p.m.
7	SYRACUSE	1:00 p.m.
17	IOWA	2:00 p.m.
21	North Carolina @ Chapel Hill, NC	10:30 a.m.
26	UNLV @ Las Vegas	1:00 p.m.
28	DUKE	12:00 p.m.
APRIL		
1	GEORGE WASHINGTON	2:30 p.m.
5	Notre Dame @ Williamsburg, VA	12:00 p.m.
9	WILLIAM & MARY	2:30 p.m.
11	N.C. STATE	11:00 a.m.
12	WAKE FOREST	12:00 p.m.
15	VIRGINIA	2:30 p.m.
18	Clemson @ Clemson, SC	11:00 a.m.
19	Georgia Tech @ Atlanta, GA	12:00 p.m.
23-26	ACC Championship @ Atlanta, GA	All Day
MAY		
8-10	NCAA Regional Tournament @ TBA	All Day
14-17	NCAA Championships @ South Bend, IN	All Day

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